

Memorial Day is a time for us to honor those who wore the uniform and put their lives on the line for our country. To help mark the holiday, I took part in a dedication ceremony for a World War II howitzer yesterday in Northbrook that will serve as a memorial for the thousands of veterans from the area. Commander Bob Jaeger and American Legion Post 791 graciously donated the howitzer to the Village of Northbrook.

The plaque that will rest on the memorial reads: "In the face of war, let us pursue peace. In peace, let us remember the sacrifices made in war." As we expand our VA hospital in the 10th Congressional District, we should also take the time to thank our neighbors who served America.

In particular, I'd like to recognize one gentleman that I met at the ceremony - Mr. Roy R.M. Gibson. Mr. Gibson served as a Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy during World War II on the USS Yorktown, one of the most decorated ships in naval history. For Mr. Gibson, and all the other veterans from the 10th Congressional District, thank you for your service and sacrifices.



Congressman Mark Kirk, American Legion Post 791 Commander Bob Jaeger and Northbrook Village President Eugene Kunkle



Congressman Kirk greets Mr. Roy R.M. Gibson, a veteran of World War II





Congressman Kirk dedicates the howitzer at Freedom Park in Northbrook





Congressman Kirk and members of American Legion Post 791